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From: Charles Grizzle <grizzle@grizzleco.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2014 5:35 PM
To: Olden, Kenneth
Cc: Vandenberg, John
Subject: Re: Meeting request

Dr. Olden:

Thank you for agreeing to meet with members of the Arsenic Science Task Force (ASTF) in January—ideally in the first part of the month—to discuss our ongoing concerns with the process for development of the draft IRIS assessment of inorganic arsenic. In response to your request that you be provided with expected outcomes from such a meeting, the ASTF offers the following:

First, we don't find total reliance on the IRIS website for information on the status of the arsenic assessment to be satisfactory, as it only informs us without any opportunity for feedback or discussion. The congressional mandate for the assessment of inorganic arsenic for a combined assessment of cancer and non-cancer endpoints and for the peer review to be conducted by the NAS seems to make this a bit of a special case. With that in mind, we believe a continuing robust stakeholder dialogue is needed and respectfully suggest that a meeting with you to air these issues in person will be beneficial. Since your appointment as Director of NCEA, you have espoused increased transparency of the IRIS process as one of the major changes you will make to the program.

Second, with respect to the arsenic assessment, we are concerned that the agency's plans have changed without notice. The arsenic-specific webinars that were formerly described to us as an expected part of the development of the arsenic assessment -- and public involvement in that effort -- now appear to be at high risk of cancellation. We would like to understand the reasons for this change, and how the agency plans to achieve the promised improvements in the IRIS process, particularly with respect to the arsenic assessment. We would hope to get an understanding of how and when opportunities for public participation will occur. If, as your letter indicates, you may be withdrawing your previous commitment to conduct arsenic-specific webinars, how will recent scientific developments be discussed and evaluated?

Third, as pointed out in our letter of October 9, we are still awaiting the posting of the remaining draft development materials that were not included in the posting of the original materials in March. When might we see the remaining materials? While your reply says your staff has completed an extensive literature search, we would like to understand why some studies were omitted in the original draft development materials or have been designated as subject to later consideration. We would like to discuss with you the specific steps the agency will take to ensure all current, relevant work is considered in the review and to understand when we will see an amended list of studies. Perhaps those omitted studies will be included when the remaining draft development materials are made available.

Fourth, now that you have advised us that the timeline for development and posting of the draft arsenic assessment has been delayed due to staffing changes, we would like to have an understanding of the likely revised timeline. We assume the date for invocation of the Stopping Rules for the arsenic assessment has also been extended. What is the new date?

Finally, we provided you with a very brief description of some of the scientific work in process and hereby reiterate our offer to provide you a more in depth briefing of the focus of those studies and the anticipated outcomes.

We look forward to meeting with you next month.

Thanks and best regards,

Charlie

On Dec 2, 2014, at 4:19 PM, Olden, Kenneth wrote:

Charlie:

The manager in charge of the Arsenic assessment moved to another unit within the EPA, so we are having to slow down the assessment until we can get a new manager in place. So, there is no urgency to have the meeting in December. Furthermore, there is no time on my schedule for such a meeting in December. It is not clear to me why a meeting would be helpful, but if you still want a meeting; I told my executive assistant to see if she could find a date in January 2015. In the meantime, can you indicate what outcome you expect from such a meeting.

Sincerely, Ken

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Dr. Olden,

Attached is a letter submitted on behalf of the Arsenic Science Task Force (ASTF) requesting your consideration for extension of the cut off date for submission of studies relevant to the IRIS assessment of inorganic arsenic pursuant to our discussion of a few months ago. Attached to the letter are brief descriptions of the work underway. We would be pleased to answer any questions you might have and hope that you can accommodate our request.

Thanks and best regards,

Charlie Grizzle

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Meadows, Leslie

From: Charles Grizzle <grizzle@grizzleco.com>
Sent: Monday, December 01, 2014 2:48 PM
To: Meadows, Leslie
Subject: Re: Response Letter

Leslie,

Thank you for the reply from Dr. Olden to our letter of October 9. The Task Force members have reviewed the reply and we would like to request a meeting with Dr. Olden to further discuss our concerns. Several of our task force members will be in DC on December 15 and 16. If either of those dates might be possible for a meeting we would be grateful.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this request.

Charlie Grizzle
(on behalf of the Arsenic Science Task Force)

On Nov 25, 2014, at 3:53 PM, Meadows, Leslie wrote:

Mr. Grizzle:

Disregard my previous email sent this morning and the attachment (response letter dated Nov. 19, 2015). I sent the letter prematurely. The correct response letter dated Nov. 25, 2015 is attached. The language in the 2nd paragraph regarding the webinar series is different.

Please direct questions to John Vandenberg at 919-541-4527 if you require additional information.

My apologies for the mix up.

Regards,

Leslie

<Charles Grizzle - ASTF.pdf>

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Meadows, Leslie

From: Charlie Grizzle <grizzle@grizzleco.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 18, 2014 9:30 PM
To: Meadows, Leslie
Subject: Re: Proposed meeting dates

Leslie,

Thank you for your reply. I will survey our group and then complete the meeting request form.

Best regards,
Charlie

Sent from my iPad

On Dec 18, 2014, at 12:52 PM, "Meadows, Leslie" <Meadows.Leslie@epa.gov> wrote:

Mr. Grizzle:

Dr. Olden is available to meet with you on the following dates and times:

Potomac Yard Office
Arlington, VA

Jan. 26th: 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM or

Jan. 27th: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM or 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Please complete the attached meeting request form and return it to me as soon as possible. Feel free to contact me if you require additional information.

Thank you!

<Stakeholder Mtg. Request - Charles Grizzle.docx>

Meadows, Leslie

From: Meadows, Leslie
Sent: Thursday, December 18, 2014 12:52 PM
To: grizzle@grizzleco.com
Subject: Proposed meeting dates
Attachments: Stakeholder Mtg. Request - Charles Grizzle.docx
Importance: High

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Thank you!

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From: Charles Grizzle <grizzle@grizzleco.com>
Sent: Monday, December 22, 2014 3:31 PM
To: Meadows, Leslie
Subject: Re: Proposed meeting dates
Attachments: Stakeholder Mtg. Request - Charles Grizzle.docx; ATT00001.htm
Importance: High

Leslie,

The completed meeting request form is attached. We would like to confirm the meeting for Tuesday, January 27 at 3:00.

Thanks and best regards,
Charlie

December 18, 2014

Dear Mr. Grizzle:

Thank you for your interest in EPA's Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) Program. I have received your request for a meeting with Kenneth Olden to discuss the draft IRIS assessment of inorganic arsenic. Kenneth Olden will be available to meet with you on the following dates:

January 26th or January 27th

In the spirit of transparency, the IRIS Program maintains a calendar on its public website that includes information about meetings with stakeholders. These entries list the date and subject of the meeting, a list of attendees, and any meeting materials that were provided to the IRIS program in advance of, during, or after the meeting. Once scheduled, the meeting that you have requested will be added to this calendar.

Please complete the attached form and return it to me in five business days.

1. Include the name, affiliation, and sponsoring organization for every individual who will attend the meeting. Additionally, indicate whether each person will attend in person or by teleconference.
2. Identify a few key words that will help us categorize your meeting. For example, if you want to discuss modeling studies that are relevant to the IRIS assessment of formaldehyde, include the key words: IRIS, formaldehyde, and modeling.
3. This form will be distributed at the beginning of the meeting and individuals attending in person will be asked to initial next to their name. For individuals attending by phone, the IRIS Program will conduct a roll call.

Thank you again for your interest in the IRIS Program. We look forward to meeting with you in the near future.

Attachment: Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) Program Stakeholder Meeting Form

In the spirit of transparency, the IRIS Program maintains a public calendar listing the dates and subject of stakeholder meetings, an attendee list, and meeting materials.

Requested Meeting Date: January 27, 2015 – 3:00 p.m.

Subject: Inorganic Arsenic

Requestor: Charles Grizzle (on behalf of Arsenic Science Task Force)

Meeting Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Principal Affiliation</u>	<u>Sponsor or Client*</u>	<u>Attending in person?</u>	<u>Initials (at meeting)</u>
William Adams	RioTinto		Yes	
Pat Quinn	The Accord Group	Wood Preservative Science Council	Yes	
Steve Hensley	USA Rice		Yes	
Michal Eldan	Organic Arsenical Products TF		Yes	
Tawny Bridgeford	National Mining Assn		Yes	
Jane Luxton	Clark Hill PLC	RioTinto	Yes	
Charles Grizzle	The Grizzle Company	Organic Arsenical Products TF	Yes	

*The sponsor or client refers to the company or organization that the individual is representing and/or funded by if it is different from the individual's principal affiliation.

Keywords: IRIS schedule/Draft Development Materials/Science update

Do you plan to bring materials to the meeting?

This includes handouts, presentations, publications, etc., that are sent prior to the meeting, used during the meeting, or sent as a follow-up to the meeting. If yes, please list the materials.

1. Abstracts of recent studies sponsored by Arsenic Science Task Force (ASTF)

2.

Note Additional Attendees:

Lynn Bergeson Bergeson & Campbell Organic Arsenical Products TF

Tentative:

Seth Goldberg

Steptoe & Johnson

Wood Preservative Science Council

Meadows, Leslie

From: Meadows, Leslie
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2015 12:31 PM
To: 'Charles Grizzle'
Subject: RE: Reconfirming Arsenic Science Task Force meeting with Dr. Olden

Our address is 2733 S. Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA.

From: Charles Grizzle [mailto:grizzle@grizzleco.com]
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2015 10:21 AM
To: Meadows, Leslie
Subject: Reconfirming Arsenic Science Task Force meeting with Dr. Olden

Leslie,

I am writing to reconfirm our meeting with Dr. Olden tomorrow at 3:00 at your office in Crystal City. I will call you for clearance once we have checked in at the security desk. Below are the attendees from the Arsenic Science Task Force

Bill Adams, RioTinto
Pat Quinn, The Accord Group for the Wood Preservative Science Council
Michal Eldan, Organic Arsenical Products Task Force
Steve Hensley, USA Rice
Tawny Bridgeford, National Mining Association
Penny Shamblin, Hunton & Williams for Utility Water Act Group
Jane Luxton, Clark Hill for RioTinto
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Our group is a bit smaller than expected as some are unable to travel to DC due to the weather. For those who have had travel problems might they be able to participate in the meeting by phone?

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks and best regards,
Charlie

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Meadows, Leslie

From: Charles Grizzle <grizzle@grizzleco.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 1:16 PM
To: Olden, Kenneth
Cc: Meadows, Leslie; Pat Quinn; Michal Eldan, PhD; Steven Hensley; Tawny Bridgeford; lbergeson@lawbc.com; Jane Luxton; William Adams Ph.D. (william.adams@riotinto.com); Nick Skoulis; pshamblin@hunton.com
Subject: Meeting with Arsenic Science Task Force

Dear Dr. Olden,

Thank you again for the meeting last week with members of the Arsenic Science Task Force. We are grateful for the time you and your staff devoted to discussing the path forward for development of the draft IRIS assessment of inorganic arsenic. We will provide you a more detailed reaction to the discussion in a subsequent communication.

Best regards,
Charlie

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From: Charlie Grizzle <grizzle@grizzleco.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 12:58 PM
To: Meadows, Leslie
Subject: Re: Arsenic Science Task Force meeting with Dr. Olden

No, we do not.

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On Jan 27, 2015, at 12:44 PM, Meadows, Leslie <Meadows.Leslie@epa.gov> wrote:

Will you need to utilize a laptop for the meeting.

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From: Meadows, Leslie
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2015 12:28 PM
To: 'Charles Grizzle'
Subject: RE: Reconfirming Arsenic Science Task Force meeting with Dr. Olden
Attachments: REAL ID.pdf

Yes, the meeting is on the calendar for tomorrow at 3 pm. The only way that it doesn't occur is if the government closes tomorrow due to the snow (highly unlikely).

The conference call in number is: 866-299-3188, the conference code is 703.347.0283#.

Upon arrival, you will be required to check in at the guards desk. Guests must present an unexpired, government-issued photo ID, be screened through security equipment and sign in. Not all states licenses are compliant with the REAL ID Act and additional forms of identification will be required (see attached). Upon arrival, please call (703) 347-8600 and someone will meet you in the lobby to escort you to our office.

You will not be allowed to utilize non-EPA computer equipment. Please feel free to bring your USB flash drive and our IT personnel will upload your presentations utilizing EPA equipment.

Please feel free to contact me via email if you require additional information.

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